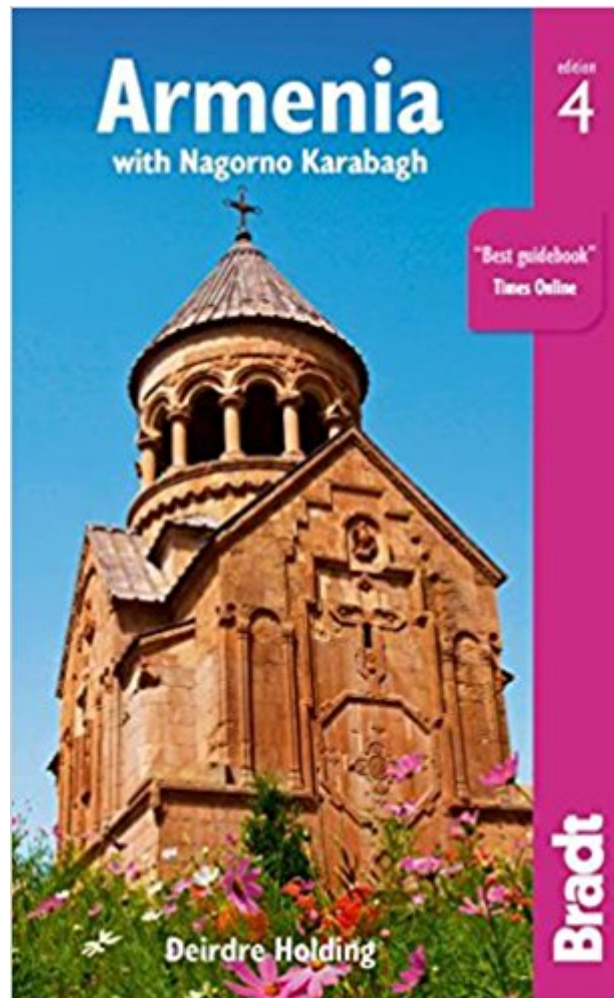




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Synopsis

Armenia has a fascinating history, a vibrant culture and magnificent landscapes - a land strewn with prehistoric sites, medieval monasteries and intricately carved cross-stones, and the most luscious apricots in the world. This completely updated edition of Armenia with Nagorno Karabagh provides the entire practical and background information needed to explore not only the best-known sites but also off the beaten track Armenia.

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'For anyone planning a visit the Bradt Guide to Armenia should be their first choice of reference.' Suite101.com

Soak up Yerevan's culture on a walking tour of the city's best bits
Experience warm Armenian hospitality with a traditional homestay
Don your hiking boots and explore the striking scenery of the southern provinces
Sample homemade lavash or local konyak
Try your hand at Armenian with our comprehensive language guide
Up-to-date advice on travelling in Nagorno Karabagh
Rich in both history and spectacular scenery, Armenia is a truly captivating country. Whether seeking out ancient monasteries dotted within dramatic landscapes,

wandering through one of Yerevan's impressive museums or admiring the intricate stone carvings at Noratus, you'll find opportunities to delve into this nation's past at every turn. Add to this the welcoming locals, superb hiking possibilities and abundant bird life, and you'll soon discover why Armenia is worth more than just a fleeting visit. Packed with detailed background information and invaluable, fully updated, practical advice, Bradt's Armenia remains the essential choice for anyone travelling to this beautiful country.

If you are driving, deeply interested in Armenian history and everything there is to know about an attraction, then this is the guide for you. If you are looking for a guidebook that ranks sites by interest, highlights those worth seeing without discussion of many, many minor sites, skip this. Ditto anyone interested in the more contemporary aspects of, say, Yerevan or the best cafes or restaurants. This book is very complete but very, very dry. The best use for it is as a reference to look up a site you've found elsewhere. As such, it is perfect to have in Kindle form, because you can dip into it when traveling. My recommendation for less intent tourists, and those without a car, is Armenia and Karabakh, The Stone Garden Travel Guide.

Safe to bring to Armenia. If you're going that way, avoid any book that says "Armenia" and "Azerbaijan" on the same cover (cough cough Lonely Planet) as that is a regional faux pas. That said, I didn't find this book too much more enlightening than Yelp. If you go there, bring this book, but wander around Yerevan without it and enjoy some of the new shops if you can.

The book meets the obligation of a travel guide and provides a lot of practical details for the traveller, plus some background information on history, culture, etc. If you have an interest in architecture and history of churches and monasteries, this is certainly the best guide for you.

Great comprehensive guide

About 99 percent of the information in the most recent edition of this guide is completely worthless. I threw it out after my first week in Armenia.

Almost good.

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